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	Equishares Corporation	, as of
	September 30, 2003, XXX, are true and co	orrect. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company
		y proprietary interest in any account classified soley as that of
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	(n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to	exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

Board of Directors Equishares Corporation St. Louis, Missouri

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Equishares Corporation as of September 30, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of income, stockholder's equity and cash flows for the years then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Equishares Corporation as of September 30, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Rubin, Brown, Dornstein & Co. LLP

October 8, 2003



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

#### Assets

	 September 30,			
	 2003		2002	
Cash	\$ 75,198	\$	78,714	
Prepaid Income Taxes	664		664	
Investments	 46,100		46,100	
	\$ 121,962	\$	125,478	

## Liabilities And Stockholder's Equity

Liabilities	\$ 	\$ 
Stockholder's Equity		
Common stock:		
Authorized 30,000 shares of \$1 par value; issued and		
outstanding 30,000 shares	30,000	30,000
Additional paid-in capital	30,000	30,000
Retained earnings	61,962	65,478
Total Stockholder's Equity	121,962	125,478
	\$ 121,962	\$ 125,478

# STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY For The Years Ended September 30, 2003 And 2002

_	Commo	n Stoc	k	 ditional Paid-In	R	etained	Stock	Total cholder's
_	Shares	A	mount	 Capital	E	arnings		Equity
Balance - October 1, 2001	30,000	\$	30,000	\$ 30,000	\$	66,413	\$	126,413
Net Loss				 		(935)		(935)
Balance - September 30, 2002	30,000		30,000	30,000		65,478		125,478
Net Loss						(3,516)		(3,516)
Balance - September 30, 2003	30,000	\$	30,000	\$ 30,000	\$	61,962	\$	121,962

# STATEMENT OF INCOME

		For The YearsEnded September 30,					
		2003		2002			
Revenues	\$		\$				
Expenses							
Regulatory fees and expenses		2,468		2,075			
Taxes and licenses		100		95			
Other operating expenses		4,339		3,121			
Total Expenses		6,907		5,291			
Loss From Operations	(	6,907)		(5,291)			
Interest Income		3,391		4,356			
Net Loss	\$ (	3,516)	\$	(935)			

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	_ <b>E</b> :	For The Years Ended September 30,			
		2003		2002	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities Net loss	\$	(3,516)	\$	(935)	
Cash - Beginning Of Year		78,714	····	79,649	
Cash - End Of Year	\$	75,198	\$	78,714	

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2003 And 2002

# 1. Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Accounting Basis**

The Company uses the accrual basis of accounting.

#### **Estimates And Assumptions**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Investments**

Investments consist of NASD shares and warrants and are recorded at cost.

# 2. Operations

Equishares Corporation (the Company) was incorporated on November 6, 1978 under the laws of the State of Missouri as a broker-dealer for real estate syndications.

# 3. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At September 30, 2003 and 2002, the Company had net capital of \$75,198 and \$78,714, which was \$70,198 and \$73,714 in excess of required net capital, respectively. The Company was also in compliance with the aggregate indebtedness ratio.

Notes To Financial Statements (Continued)

# 4. Subordinated Liabilities

There were no liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors at any time during the period.

# 5. Securities Investor Protection Corporation

The Company is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation and has paid all annual fee assessments as required.



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# Independent Auditors' Report On Supplementary Information Required By Rule 17a-5 Of The Securities And Exchange Commission

Board of Directors Equishares Corporation St. Louis, Missouri

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Equishares Corporation as of and for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 2003. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the schedules presented on pages 9 and 10 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Rubin, Brown, Dornstein & Co. LLP

October 8, 2003

# COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

	September 30,			
	2003			2002
Net Capital				
Total stockholder's equity	\$	121,962	\$	125,478
Deduct:				
Stockholder's equity not allowable for net capital				
Total stockholder's equity qualified for net capital		121,962		125,478
Add:				
Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors				
allowable in computation of net capital		_		
Other deductions or allowable credits		<u> </u>		
Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities		121,962		125,478
Deductions and/or charges:				
Nonallowable assets:				
Prepaid expenses		664		664
Investments		46,100		46,100
Other deductions and/or charges		· —		
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions		75,198		78,714
Haircuts on securities				· —
Net Capital	\$_	75,198	\$	78,714
Aggregate Indebtedness				
Liabilities from balance sheet	\$		\$	_
Computation Of Basic Net Capital Requirement				
Minimum net capital required	\$		\$	
Minimum dollar net capital requirement	\$	5,000	\$	5,000
Net capital requirement (greater of above)	\$	5,000	\$	_5,000
2 to suprain requirement (greater of doctor)		3,000		5,000
Excess net capital	\$	70,198	\$	73,714
Excess net capital at 1000%	\$	75,198	\$	78,714
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		0 to 1		0 to 1

#### **Reconciliation With Company's Computation**

There are no material differences between the Company's computation and the computation above.

## EXEMPTIVE PROVISION UNDER RULE 15c3-3 September 30, 2003 And 2002

An exemption from Rule 15c3-3 is claimed as the broker-dealer does not hold customer funds or securities.

Therefore, the schedules of "Computation For Determination Of Reserve Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3" and "Information For Possession Or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3" are inapplicable.

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#### Independent Auditors' Report On Internal Control

Board of Directors Equishares Corporation St. Louis, Missouri

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Equishares Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2003, we considered its internal control, including procedures for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons
- 2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including procedures for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at September 30, 2003 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Rubin, Brown Gornetein & Co. LLP

October 8, 2003